THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Detailed Project Report (DPR) for six-laning of Kishangarh-Ajmer-Beawar stretch of NH-8 has been completed by NHAI The work has been awarded and the project is scheduled for completion by May, 2012.

The Beawar-Pali-Sirohi-Pindwara section of NH-14 (246 km), have been identified for four laning by Government of India under NHDP Phase III on BOT toll basis being implemented by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). The project is likely to be awarded during the year 2009-10, after the same is approved by Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC). The work of four-laning of the said National Highway is likely to be completed within 36 months after award of the project.

Widening and four-laning of NH-14

†1498. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Rajasthan has sent a proposal to the Government of India, for widening and four-laning of NH-14 (Beawar-Pali-Sirohi Road Stretch); and

(b) if so, by when the work of four-laning of the said National Highway is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Beawar-Pali-Sirohi-Pindwara section of NH-14 (246 km) have been identified for four laning by Government of India under NHDP Phase III on BOT toll basis being implemented by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). The project is likely to be awarded during the year 2009-10, after the same is approved by Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC). The work of four-laning of the said National Highway is likely to be completed within 36 months after award of the project.

Expansion of NH-24 to 6 lane from UP border to Vijay Nagar

1499. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that NH-24 always remain clogged and jammed packed from UP border to Vijay Nagar and during peak hours problem gets further aggravated;

(b) the merging of traffic from 6 lane from Delhi to 2 lane on one side from UP border and number of colony cuts/crossings on the highway near Khoda colony are the main reasons for traffic nightmare;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) if so, whether Government propose to expand the NH-24 to 6 lane from UP border to Vijay Nagar and close the cuts; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Delhi/UP border to Vijay Nagar section of NH-24 is part of proposed 6-lane access controlled Delhi-Meerut Expressway identified for development under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-VI on Build Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis. The feasibility study is in progress and targeted for completion by March, 2010.

Opening of trauma centre for road victims in Himachal Pradesh

1500. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that emergency patients who are in life-threatening situation after accidents or other causes, have to be taken to PGI, Chandigarh as there is no trauma centre in Himachal Pradesh and many of them succumb to their injuries in the long way to hospital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to open up trauma centres in Himachal Pradesh;

(d) if so, the location-wise details thereof and the time by when these trauma centres are likely to start their functioning; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEV S. KHANDELA): (a) to (e) Health being a state subject, the information is not maintained centrally. However, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been implementing a project for "Upgradation and Strengthening of Emergency Facilities of State Government Hospital located at National Highway" under the scheme "Assistance for Capacity Building", with a view to provide immediate treatment to the victims of road traffic injuries. Under this scheme, financial assistance was provided upto a maximum of Rs. 150.00 lakh per hospital or actual requirement of the hospital whichever was less. The scheme was operational during IXth & Xth five year plan period. The following three hospitals in Himachal Pradesh had been provided with financial assistance as per the above mentioned scheme:

Name of the Organization/ Institution	Year	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	2002-03	147.00
Regional Hospital, Kullu	2006-07	150.00
Zonal Hospital, Bilaspur	2006-07	150.00